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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Bulletin offers itself to the next session as an adviser on "a common-sense system" of printing. *Pela paha!*

"The Star does not want to nag at the Cabinet, but it wants it to know what its real friends think of some of its doings."

Has it got any real friends? Trot 'em out.

The 'Tiser and opium successful aborts are still worrying the public's mind. Why can't the 'Tiser leave the successful abort to attend to his custom house and get a duty on opium as Senator Brown says.

Thanks! Brother of the Star! For your recognition of our "spicy paper." Our subscribers—the public generally—have already recognized it. But your kindly disposition is thankfully acknowledged.

The Star comes out squarely and admits the military and police excesses are not wanted and cannot be afforded. But "political conditions regulate the supply and demand in the field." Well! Change the political conditions then.

Armstrong wants Hawaii to export butter to Japan to retail at 40 cents gold. Considering it retails at from 50 to 75 cents gold here already this seems to be a profitable scheme and worthy of the other projects of "his great mind."

Professor W. D. Alexander is now the President of the Board of Education. G. L. Carter, Deputy-Auditor-General, is appointed as a member. Well, it is hoped the jobbery and favoritism heretofore exhibited will now be stopped. There is yet time to be respectable and honored.

"There is every reason to believe that the country has entered upon an era of prosperity in which the narrow political differences will be wiped out in the co-operation of all classes to advance our commercial and industrial interests."

And this from the Advertiser! Great Scott! We had almost said—Farrington. Now we are going to go it.

In response to a request for a subscription—and an advertising card, L. A. Thurston states that he "will make us the same proposition as he

makes a Chinaman." These are his own words and they show his valuation of an honest and straight forward opposition. It isn't even a nigger in the woodpile. It is only his favorite Asiatic.

Now comes the consideration of THE INDEPENDENT's plea for a general amnesty. It has gone much against the grain with some bitter-feeling supporters of the Government. It has even caused disruption of political ties. But at last the community and its leaders have recognized that THE INDEPENDENT had wisdom as well as honesty, and only wanted what was best for all. We have been here to stay for many years, and we suffer like others, by every wrong move. We only want what is best for all.

For sometime the Advertiser, the Star, and the Bulletin have been following our lead in asking for the release of the political prisoners. Yet, when one—already conditionally pardoned—made a little boyish escapade (which would perhaps otherwise have subjected him to a paternal spanking), the three joyously howl and notoriously parade the whole business so as to cause his reincarnation in durance vile, and several people to lose their situations. We refused to publish the account to try and save them.

The Star says: "It is under the Cabinet has under serious consideration the taking of immediate steps looking to removal so far as possible of all after effects of the revolution of January last." We are glad to hear it. It is time. Let the prisoners go. Arrange to satisfy all other causes of grievance. And then let us work together for THE INDEPENDENT's motto:

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In Union is strength, and God will bless our efforts.

Says the Advertiser: "Even if upon strict construction of the letter of the law the Executive is in error the Courts will not refuse to sustain it." In other words the individual citizen is now to have no rights, as against the clique which may happen to hold the executive reins, and if they have, our Supreme Court will not protect them in them. Perish the individual. Let the Executive commit any error; they must be upheld no matter who suffers. Wait till Mr. Judd's private individual interests suffer at the hands of this or succeeding executives. What will the court say then?

W. N. Armstrong has now solved the "small farmer" question. Even Dole couldn't do it. Let us raise a statue to this public benefactor. But stay! How is it to be done? Let the small farmers raise cotton. As Armstrong states:

"Mr. H. M. Whitney knows about it, and says it can be done. When our people are well over the sugar drunk and are willing to look at small but profitable things, they will see money in this. This cotton is a cash article, cash at the door if necessary, and is prepared with any intelligent skill, as Mr. Whitney says."

The sentences are somewhat unintelligible, but that is no matter. Our only Labor Commissioner has said it himself and it must be so.

"The development of manufacturing in Japan has created a demand for wool. It is imported from Australia, and the demand for it is rapidly increasing. Why is not the Hawaiian wool in the Japanese market? The Japanese are becoming expert manufacturers of shoes, and import leather from England and the United States. Why are not the Hawaiian hides tanned and sent to Japan and manufactured shoes taken in return? There is some demand for bananas in Japan. The supply at present is of an inferior

quality and expensive. As the war of the Japanese increase they will for this fruit. The product of northern Japan is poor. The demand for coffee is generally growing. Hawaii can supply this article. Pipples are consumed in considerable quantities and the demand is growing. Hawaii can supply it."

That is W. N. Armstrong's opinion. Well let him get up a company to do all these things and supply all these wants. It surely would pay better than being a cable propter.

"The Star has never inveighed against the closed sessions of the Executive Council, the Senate, or even the absurdity of a private meeting of the House. So far as the Cabinet and Senate are concerned they are approved, safe and entirely proper proceedings. What is objected to, on behalf of a large section of the community and really in the interest of the government, is the exclusive, the select phase of it."

Well, dear, never mind if they don't let you in to the secret meetings. That is all right. We'll get them just the same. And we will know all about it. But yet we can't see why the House should, by you, be denied your approval of the privilege of putting up jobs in privacy when you extend your gracious approval to the Cabinet and Senate doing it. Don't you "play chapeau" with the House?

W. N. Armstrong has been to Japan—also to several places in that archipelagic empire. He now writes about it in the Advertiser, by the double column. Amongst other things he advises this country to send men (presumably under salary) to study the conditions there. He shows that the Chamber of Commerce of Lyons, France has appropriated \$20,000 for the purpose of sending experts to study the rising commerce of Japan and that M. P.'s in Australia urge their countrymen to do the same. Why he wants some one sent there is hard to see, when the other places have not had a resident Minister there for years as Hawaii has had. If any reports are wanted let R. W. Irwin furnish them, as some return for the money he has made out of his connection with this country. There is no use for another Labor Commission salary grab.

States the Star in reference to pardoning political prisoners:

"It fills it with a firm belief of power and authority and the conviction that in ordinary and proper course of events the Government of Great Britain will continue to be a friend and ally and valuable adviser. This makes the Republic feel safe and solid. The Republic is not losing sleep in worry over the outcome of its Durrell indemnity dispute with the United States. The country has not yet passed upon the military commission, but there have such things over there and in England they do not."

What that means we do not know and from the wording we cannot make out. But if it means pulling feathers out of the Eagle's tail, the Star had better crawl back into its shell. It is no use now trying to work the British Lion up as a protector against the American Eagle.

The following is the Star's statement on the political situation:

"Instead of showing any inclination to back up the threats of some of her hot-bed subjects in Hawaii, Britain has refrained from sending gun boats and warships and cruisers and torpedo destroyers to 'collect damages, avenge outrages upon British subjects and wipe out the records of the court martial.'"

On the contrary, Great Britain has said to Hawaii: "If subjects to the Queen plot against your Republic, or take the field in arms against it, or aid or abet or counsel revolution against it, you can try them by military commission, banish them, subject them to all the exigencies of martial law. Of course no innocent man shall be harmed. When there is conviction it must be on sufficient evidence. But we recognize fully your right to quickly, summarily, even harshly resent any assault on your government and we find that your military commission is a legal and regular tribunal."

We doubt if the Star can find authority for its quotation marks.

Yet, possibly, if not literally correct, the sentiment is no doubt correct that Englishmen individually will not be upheld in endeavoring to overthrow any Government is at peace with Great Britain.

Thus writes W. N. Armstrong, in the Advertiser:

"The American flag won't help us. Go to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where the American flag has been triumphantly waving since the territory was wrested from Mexico, and the police will tell you not to walk in the side streets at night or a Mexican greaser will put a knife in you. There is something to be done besides putting up the flag so many of us love. It must be put on something that is decent and respectable. The flag is not a civilizer. Annexation may easily make us a political hell."

Well! What next? Over two years and a half gone by and now we are told the American "flag is not a civilizer" and it "won't help us" and that "annexation may easily make us a political hell." Good heavens. We are simply paralyzed! Armstrong ready to desert the, sinking ship? No prisoners! No annexation!! No nothing!!!

Small doings show small minds. And, in matters which concern the welfare of all, the latter should not appear. Yet we find that Louis Marshall, a political prisoner—and a boy of twenty at that—whose pardon has been granted—on condition of his leaving the country, is once more relegated to the malarial depot of Oahu prison. Let us recite the incidents. Marshall with all the wisdom and experience of his age went out with the rebels to assist in the ementa of Jan. 7th. Later he surrendered with others. Young and all as he was, his sentence was 20 years. His health succumbed to the infernal unhealthy surroundings of Oahu prison. He was removed to the Queen's Hospital for medical treatment—even the authorities don't deny they had the right to doom him to death for his boyish escapade. Linger on between life and death after six months imprisonment, he recovers enough to say that his life is no longer despaired of. The executive grant a pardon, conditional on leaving the country, to him and his equally sick brother in misfortune, Greig. While in his convalescent state—with the usual desire of the sick for change and excitement—knowing that he had been pardoned—the boy induces his nurse to send for a hack and take him out for an airing. (Any medical man would have endorsed the request and said "by all means humor him. It will assist in his recovery to health.") The nurse grants her sick child's request and they go off together and return. In consequence the official world is turned upside down. A new conspiracy is discovered. And the poor lad scarce able to sit up is relegated to malarial-breeding Oahu jail as a punishment. Great Scott! Is it to babies that we have committed our safety? Could the Government not exist in safety if poor sick Louis could be granted an evening's drive—after his pardon—to humor his feverish fancies? What next? We may say if ever W. O. Smith, Marshal A. M. Brown or others in the deal get sick, and we have to prescribe, they will have to take their medicine also in doors. And yet some of them are fathers.

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Timely Topics.



Honolulu, July 22, 1895.

It cannot be denied that the war cloud which hangs over the world at present is getting darker and darker. It is a historical fact that the end of each century has always been fraught with bloodshed and strife, internally as well as externally. The great powers of Europe to-day are making and unmaking alliances of all kinds. The fact is that diplomacy to-day is using every means to postpone the day when the crash must come and gain time for the different countries to prepare themselves for the gigantic struggle which will and must take place before the present generation dates its letters in the year 1900. Turkey is threatened from all sides. The Russian bear is extending his claws and licking his blood-thirsty tongue towards the East and South in anticipation of gain. The passive and cold brother nations who inhabit the Scandinavian peninsula are now glaring ferociously ready to spring at each other's throats. Germany, under its impetuous, indiscreet imperial master, is drifting into the deceptive maelstrom of conquest, and war, in which all past experience, all knowledge gained through the horrors of war are forgotten, and where only false sentiment and sham patriotism are ruling.

And while the giants get ready for the great war their leaders have realized one thing, and that is, that no army will have a show, no militia a chance, except provided with the indispensable bicycle. And no wonder that the monarchial countries of Europe prefer the "Monarch" to any other kind, and supply their "wheeling cavalry" with that favorite brand.

We have watched proceedings in the great countries with a great deal of care, and we have secured the sole agency for Hawaii of the Monarch Cycle. We have realized that, not alone a large stock is necessary, but that a workshop, in which all needed repairs can be done is in the interest of our patrons, and we have established one above our stores on Fort street. This "bicycle infirmary" will attend to any "sickness" which the wheel may meet through accident or lack of care. Our prices are far below veterinary figures. We fix the Monarchs sold by us at cost price if ever they should need it. We have everything on hand and have secured the services of a most experienced bicycle man, whose work we guarantee.

As the bicycle is not only of advantage in war but love, we wish to call the attention of the young boys and girls who have to spend their vacations in Honolulu, that we have wheels just suitable for them. If daddy can't send them to the country for a trip—or buy them a bow-wow—let them ask him for a Monarch. It will give more pleasure and last much longer than even a volcano trip.

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